



*Runway repair at Aviano AB, Italy during 1999.*

# CONCAP

The Contingency **C**onstruction **C**apabilities (CONCAP) contract provides the Navy and Marine Corps with a responsive contracting vehicle and a large civilian contractor at the ready to respond to contingencies or natural disasters.

Contingencies, such as Somalia, Haiti, and Hurricane Andrew required Navy contracting officers to react to emergency requirements, but standard government contracts were often too slow and cumbersome to support such situations.

CONCAP's purpose is to have a contractor available before an exigent situation develops, with a goal of early mobilization and startup construction. Required services include program planning, scheduling, design, engineering, transportation, construction management and quality control. The contractors will provide the personnel, equipment, materials, labor, travel and everything needed to give the Navy a quick response for civilian construction contract capability.

In 1996 CONCAP was put to the test. Hurricane Bertha hit North Carolina with sustained winds of 100 mph on Friday July 12, 1996. The next day the CONCAP contractor was on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, having been staged when Bertha threatened the east coast. The CONCAP workforce grew to over 400. Damage estimates were about \$30 million, with CONCAP covering about \$15 million. Two months later, Hurricane Fran hit North Carolina Sept. 5 adding another \$15 million in work to the repair effort. The CONCAP workforce increased to over 600.

In 1998 CONCAP responded to hurricanes in North Carolina and Virginia, the Caribbean, Florida Keys, and Mississippi.

All the taskings for CONCAP haven't been for natural disasters. CONCAP was used to design a road between Grozde and Sarajevo in Bosnia during 1996. In 1998, CONCAP was used along with Navy Seabees in Souda Bay, Crete to construct a sewage treatment plant, holding tank and pumping stations, and for urgent runway repairs at Aviano AB, Italy in 1999. In 2001 the contract was employed for repairs to a NASA runway in Morocco and in 2002 CONCAP built detention facilities at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The first contract was awarded in 1995. The second CONCAP Contract (\$300 million over five years) was awarded to Brown & Root Services, a division of Kellogg Brown & Root Services, Arlington, Va., in April 2001.